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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 11, 2002 and Applicants' Amendment filed April 11, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--Claim 29. (NEW) The modified natural rubber of claim 1, wherein said modification is either of:

L A) graft copolymerizing said deproteinized natural rubber with 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate; or

B) epoxidizing said deproteinized natural rubber with trifluoroacetic acid.

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